

- U.S. inventories of propane increased by 0.7 million barrels (MMB) last week and ended the 1999-2000 heating season on March 31, 2000 at an estimated 21.6 MMB. Regional inventories were mixed last week with East Coast and Gulf Coast regions reporting gains of less than 0.1 MMB and 0.7 MMB, respectively, while inventories in the Midwest reported a modest 0.1 MMB decline during this same period. Regional inventories finished the heating season within the normal range in the East Coast and Gulf Coast regions but remained below the normal range in the Midwest region.
- The 1999-00 heating season (October through March) stock draw measured an above average 37.9 MMB, which contributed to push U.S. inventories to the lowest March level since 1970. The average heating season stock draw during the past 5 years was 33.2 MMB.
- PUBLICATION NOTICE: The final release of propane inventory data on a weekly basis will be on Wednesday, April 12, 2000. The first monthly release of these data will occur on May 10, 2000.**

Propane Stocks by Petroleum Administration for Defense Districts (PADD) I, II, and III (Thousand Barrels)

| Districts | February 1999 | March 1999 | Week Ending | | | | |
|-----------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | | | 03/10/00 | 03/17/00 | 03/24/00 | 03/31/00 | 04/02/99 |
| East Coast (PADD I) | 3,075 | 1,875 | E2,523 | E2,468 | E2,409 | E2,499 | 1,917 |
| Midwest (PADD II) | 16,318 | 14,038 | E6,671 | E6,814 | E7,314 | E7,244 | 13,251 |
| Gulf Coast (PADD III) | 22,239 | 18,763 | E11,629 | E11,402 | E10,356 | E11,045 | 19,920 |
| Total (PADD I-III) | 41,632 | 34,676 | E20,823 | E20,684 | E20,079 | E20,788 | 35,088 |
| U.S. Total | 43,331 | 35,859 | E21,593 | E21,449 | E20,821 | E21,558 | 36,386 |

E=Estimated data.

Source: Energy Information Administration (EIA), Monthly Petroleum Supply Reporting System and Form EIA-807, "Propane Telephone Survey."

Propane Prices by Petroleum Administration for Defense Districts (PADD) I and II (Cents per Gallon)

| District | Wholesale | | | | | Residential | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | 02/28/00 | 03/06/00 | 03/13/00 | 03/20/00 | 03/15/99 | 02/28/00 | 03/06/00 | 03/13/00 | 03/20/00 | 03/15/99 |
| East Coast (PADD I) | 72.9 | 66.7 | 65.1 | 58.3 | 32.0 | 143.5 | 141.2 | 140.9 | 139.2 | 107.5 |
| New England (PADD IX) | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | 145.7 | 145.3 | 144.8 | 143.2 | 111.9 |
| Central Atlantic (PADD IY) | 75.8 | 67.8 | 66.4 | 60.2 | 33.3 | 145.7 | 142.4 | 142.7 | 141.2 | 109.1 |
| Lower Atlantic (PADD IZ) | 69.3 | 65.4 | 63.5 | 55.9 | 30.3 | 136.1 | 134.6 | 132.9 | 130.6 | 99.4 |
| Midwest (PADD II) | 59.9 | 59.9 | 57.4 | 52.3 | 27.6 | 107.1 | 106.6 | 106.7 | 105.4 | 74.9 |
| Average | 63.3 | 61.7 | 59.4 | 53.8 | 28.6 | 122.7 | 121.4 | 121.4 | 119.9 | 88.9 |

NA=Not Available.

R=Revised.

Source: Wholesale propane prices are based on Oil Price Information Service. Residential propane prices are available from data supplied by 23 State Energy Offices from October through March on a semi-monthly basis.

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